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1. DIRECTOR GENERAL MOHAMED SHERIF OF THE MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS INVITED ME TO HIS OFFICE AT NOON TODAY, JUNE
6, AND GAVE ME THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE, LESS SALUTORY OPENING
AND CLOSING, TO OUR NOTE PROPOSING A MILITARY SURVEY TEAM
VISIT SOMALIA:

BEGIN TEXT: WHILE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SDR EXPRESSES
WILLINGNESS TO ESTABLISH CLOSER RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND
COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN THE
ECONOMIC, MILITARY AND POLITICAL FIELDS, AND HAVING HAD THE
OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THE PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY THE UNITED
STATES, FOR WHICH IT IS THANKFUL, IT SHOULD LIKE TO NOTE THE
FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IN QUESTION IS LIMITED TO
THE EXAMINATION OF THE CAPABILITIES OF THE SOMALI ARMED FORCES,
WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON ANTI-TANK DEFENCE COMMUNICATIONS AND
TRANSPORT.

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B. THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS NOT COMMITTED TO PROVIDE
ANY SPECIFIC DEFENCE EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES TO THE SOMALI
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ON THE BASIS OF THE SURVEY.

C. IT HAS FURTHER BEEN NOTED THAT THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT'S
DEFENCE PRIORITIES, I.E., THE SUPPLY OF AMOUNG (SIC) OTHER
THINGS, TANKS, AIRCRAFTS AND ARTILLERY, WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL

FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND NATIONAL SECURITY, HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED AREAS OF DIVERGENCE, IT IS CONSIDERED OPPORTUNE TO EMPHASIZE THAT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO RENDER THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE TEAM MORE FLEXIBLE AND THE SURVEY BROADER IN SCOPE SO AS TO ACCOMMODATE (SIC) AND INCLUDE IN THE FINAL ASSESSMENT THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC'S DEFENCE PRIORITIES AS SUGGESTED IN EARLIER COMMUNICATIONS. END TEXT

2. COMMENT: I DO NOT FIND THE SOMALI RESPONSE AT ALL SURPRISING. SIAD'S EXACT WORDS ON ACCEPTING THE MILITARY SURVEY TEAM ON APRIL 19 WERE "ALL RIGHT, IF THEY WILL COME WITH AN OPEN MIND, THEY CAN COME". HE NOW DOUBTLESS BELIEVES WE HAVE RENEGED ON THAT UNDERSTANDING. HOW WE SHOULD PROCEED FROM THIS POINT IS UNCLEAR TO ME. I MAY OBTAIN SOME ADDITIONAL INSIGHTS FROM SIAD LATER THIS EVENING, ASSUMING I AM ABLE TO SEE HIM FOR THE FAREWELL COURTESY CALL I HAVE REQUESTED. AT ANY RATE, I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THE WHOLE QUESTION OF THE ARMS SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP DURING CONSULTATIONS NEXT WEEK.
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